The RCC Weekly

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In the fall of 2011, even before we became embroiled in the negativity of 2012, I began thinking of some way that we could make faculty and staff aware of the positive things that were happening at RCC. I came up with the idea of the RCC Weekly newsletter. I realize that it isn't a particularly creative title, but I noticed that as we published each week, many people began to look forward to reading about what their colleagues were doing. And for the last two years, we've been true to the Weekly name, as we've been able to send out a newsletter each week, with the exception of summers and a week or so, here and there.

There are three reasons that the Weekly has been so successful. First, your newsworthy contributions have helped to fill our pages. Secondly, the pictures that Milton Samuels and Phuong Tang took at all of the College's events filled those pages with magnificent color. Third, and most importantly, I could not have continued each week without the very willing, able, and talented assistance of Jacqueline Lynch. Her ability to find just the right graphic or picture helped to make the Weekly so much fun to read. I am so grateful for the work she has done on the Weekly.

Finally, I hope one (or two) of you will step up and continue the Weekly with Jacqueline. I truly believe that it has improved our communication with each other, fostered respect for classroom teaching, and it has given those on the outside fresh insight into what we can accomplish.

Brenda

Promoting Massachusetts Community Colleges

Perhaps you've seen this commercial which promotes community colleges in the Commonwealth. It was paid for by the state, using Department of Labor Grant funds. Check out the commercial on this website: www.masscc.org/transform

Massachusetts Community Colleges

MBTA

Keolis, a company based in France, won the MBTA contract on January 8th. Last summer, representatives from Keolis came to RCC to begin a conversation about our offering training programs that could lead to jobs for our students. They will be working with several other community colleges, including Bunker Hill, as well as the Massachusetts Community College Executive Office.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Media Arts News

Roxbury Community College brings us the Pulitzer Prize winning drama *A Soldier's Play*, an incisive exploration of racial tensions and ambiguities that gives no easy answers and assigns no simple blame.

When somebody kills the black sergeant of a black platoon, their white superior, Captain Taylor, fears the worst. In 1944 Louisiana, there is a good chance that the murderer is the local Klan or a white officer, but when a black captain is assigned to investigate the slaying, Taylor is certain that the army is looking to cover-up the truth. However, Captain Davenport has no intention of being a token. He quickly discovers the sergeant has ruffled the feathers of both his black and white compatriots after interrogating most of the company and despite Taylor's many attempts to undermine and intimidate him, Davenport finds himself more determined than ever to apprehend the right man regardless of rank or race.

WHEN: Friday, February 14 @ 8pm
Saturday, February 15 @ 8pm
COST: $25/ $10 students

Click HERE to buy tickets

Save the Date!

January 20: Martin Luther King Day

January 21: All College Day

February 14/ 15: A Soldier's Play

Professional Development

This spring, the Title III Professional Development Team will again coordinate a variety of PD opportunities, which include workshops on classroom technology, a continuation of the *Teaching with PowerPoint* series, another session of *Facilitated Learning*, and much more.

See table below for a list of workshops already scheduled. They will take place in 3-207Q during Activity Time (1:30 to 2:45pm.) Please keep an eye out for spring issue of the **Title III Newsletter**, which will be distributed at All College Day. In it you will find additional information about upcoming events.

Workshop	Presenter	Date
Beyond PowerPoint Essentials	Ruth Ronan	2/6
Building Community to Ignite Innovation	Ruth Ronan	2/11
Technology Tuesday	David Perkinson	2/18
Learner Centered Teaching with Technology	Ruth Ronan	2/20
Avoiding Death by PowerPoint	Ruth Ronan	3/6
Technology Tuesday	David Perkinson	3/11
Technology Tuesday	David Perkinson	3/25
Presentations that Resonate	Ruth Ronan & David Perkinson	4/10
Technology Tuesday	David Perkinson	4/15
Preparing an Ignite Presentation	Ruth Ronan & David Perkinson	4/24

If you have ideas or suggestions for a PD activity that the PD team could explore, please email Title3@rcc.mass.edu.
We would LOVE to hear from you!

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu